

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 8 to recite that the cut potato piece is capable of growing into a potato plant. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification, particularly in Examples 1, 2 and 3. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by the amendment to the claims.

Additionally, Applicants have amended claim 17 to correct a typographical error and insert a space between two words. No new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment and its entry is respectfully requested.

Claims 8-13, 15 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Stubbs et al.

Applicants respectfully disagree and request that this rejection be withdrawn.

As noted above, Applicants have amended claim 8 to recite that the cut potato piece can grow into a potato plant. In other words, the potato piece is a seed. Stubbs et al. teaches a process for preparing a french fry. As set forth in Fig. 1, the cut potato strips are “blanched 25 in steam or hot water at temperatures between 145°F to 212°F (63°C - 100°C) for about 5 to 30 minutes to **inactivate enzymes.**” See also, Example 1, lines 30 – 38. Thus, the potato piece processed as taught by Stubbs et al. is essentially cooked, its enzymes are inactivated, and incapable of growth if planted. Accordingly, there is no anticipation of claim 8, and applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it is kindly requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney concerning the same to expedite prosecution of this application.

Entry of the foregoing and prompt and favorable consideration of the subject application on the merits are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is authorized to charge fee deficiencies or credit overpayments associated with the submission of this document to the NIXON PEABODY LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0850.

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